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SUBJECT:R/V COLUMBUS ISELIN

1. R/V COLUMBUS ISELIN OPERATED AS A PRIVATE OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL BY UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PLANS TO CONDUCT PLANKTON RESEARCH AND TO COLLECT SAMPLES NEAR AND WITHIN CAYMAN WATERS MAY 18-20. PRIMARY SITE FOR RESEARCH WILL BE 19 DEG. 30' NORTH AND 81 DEG 00' W. HOWEVER, VESSEL ALSO PLANS SOME WORK IN NORTH SOUND OF GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND. ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

ARRIVE PORT DEPART

XXX ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. 13 MAY

18 MAY GRAND CAYMAN IS. 20 MAY

25 MAY ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. XXX

2. R/V COLUMBUS ISELIN IS 170 FOOT, 260 TON OCEANOGRAPHIC UNCLASSIFIED

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VESSEL WITH DRAFT OF 15 FEET AND BEAM OF 36 FEET. RADIO

CALL SIGN IS WZJ-5176 AND RADIO WATCH AT 1000 AND 1500 HRS IS MAINTAINED ON DAILY BASIS. MASTER OF VESSEL IS CAPTAIN S. HARTSHORNE WITH CREW OF 12 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 13. CURRENTLY SHIP'S AGENT IN CAYMAN ISLANDS IS UNKNOWN, BUT NAME WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN RECEIVED.

SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR ONE FOREIGN SCIENTIST FOR ENTIRE CRUISE, IF THIS IS CONDITION FOR GRANTING CLEARANCE.

- 3. SCIENTIFIC PURPOSE OF CRUISE IS TO CARRY OUT LABORATORY AND IN SITU EXPERIMENTS ON RESPIRATION AND FEEDING OF PLANKTON VERTICAL MIGRATORS. THIS WILL REQUIRE COLLECTION OF PLANKTON SAMPLES AT VARIOUS DEPTHS FROM SURFACE TO 200 METERS AT ABOUT 6 HOUR INTERVALS EN ROUTE. DISTRIBUTION AND MIGRATION DATA WILL BE COLLECTED ON SELECTED SPECIES, AS WELL AS ON TEMPERATURE, DEPTH AND SURFACE LIGHT INTENSITY. SMALL BOAT WILL BE USED TO MAKE PLANKTON COLLECTIONS IN SHALLOW WATERS OF CAYMAN ISLANDS.
- 4. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCH IN CAYMAN ISLANDS TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ADVISE DEPT WHEN OBTAINED.
- 5. DEPT DOCUMENT "LIMITS IN THE SEAS NO. 36", REVISED
 1 APR 74, CONTAINS STATEMENT UNDER U.K. LISTING THAT
 "SOME DEPENDENT TERRITORIES (INCLUDING CAYMAN ISLANDS)
 HAD SPECIAL LEGISLATION RELATING TO FISHERIES AND THE
 CONTINENTAL SHELF." WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFO ON THIS
 STATEMENT. ALTHO R/V ISELIN RESEARCH IS CLEARLY WITHIN
 CAYMAN WATERS, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFO ON
 ABOVE LEGISLATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE
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